

factors and various other citizens, while some others volunteered their services to speak for the ordinance. Among those who spoke in favor of the measure were the Rev. W. S. Campbell, the Rev. R. A. Goodwin, the Rev. Thomas Semmes, Mr. Arthur H. Clarke, Major Carlton McCarthy, Mr. L. H. Jenkins, Mr. H. E. Magill, Mr. Davis Bottom, the Rev. E. L. Grace, Mr. W. A. Crenshaw and Mr. C. E. Wingo. Others who were called upon and questioned as to the issues involved were Chief of Police Louis Werner, Mr. Steinbacher and others. In his statement to this Mr. Crenshaw had read petitions and memorials from various organizations urging the passage of the ordinance.

Among these were the Young Men's League of Emanuel Baptist Church, the Baptist General Association, the Methodist Ministers' Association and the East End W. M. F.

#### Line of Argument.

The line of argument followed by the advocates of the ordinance was that it was nothing but the ordinance to work a hardship on our poor men to work a benefit that only those who were educated to greatly reduce crime and violations of the law; that it would diminish drunkenness and thereby reduce poverty and suffering; that 25 per cent. of the crimes were due to all-night sales of liquor, and that many homes now dependent upon charity would recover their independence when the law enforcement caused to suspend their earnings in business.

It was further contended that the public safety demanded strict closing. The all-night bars were notorious emporiums and drink houses were conducive to riot and disorder, such as that recently in Atlanta. Mayor McCarthy and others contended that it was the duty of the police to do its best to agitate the matter. He declared the owl car was not as bad as the owl cab standing in front of the all-night bar.

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for the ordinance, made an earnest appeal for it, and stood by his communication in the paper on the subject. He said that it had done in agitating the matter. He declared the owl car was not as bad as the owl cab standing in front of the all-night bar.

#### Umlauf's Speech.

Mr. Umlauf, patron of the ordinance, closed the debate in what was easily the most earnest and forcible argument presented on either side. He declared that he was not fighting the liquor dealers, but was fighting for his people, discharging his sworn duty as an official. He denied the implication of Mr. Lamb that there were no dealers who would not keep open all night if they had customers, and stated that he had the names of some who did not and would not, but that he had promised not to divulge them.

He laid stress upon the fact that the movement was encouraged by the police and detective departments, and expressed the opinion that every good citizen in the business world would be willing to sacrifice an hour for the public welfare.

The Rev. Thomas Semmes stated that of the 12,000 white families of the city, 2,000 were asking assistance in the form of charity as a result of indulgence in liquor. It was contended by him that the polls records showed the statements of officers showed that crime would be minimized by early closing and society protected and the general prosperity promoted.

Ex-Councilman W. A. Crenshaw declared that no advocate of early closing was speaking for personal gain, but to advance the moral and material welfare of the city. It was a question of dollars against dollars. The speaker declared that he was working for open saloons, but favored legislation.

#### Mr. Lamb Speaks.

Mr. John A. Lamb arose to present the side of his clients, who he stated, were some of the best citizens, whose closing hours he did not know.

Referring to Mr. Umlauf's statement that the advocates were not speaking for personal gain, and that it was solely the difference of whose dollars were being taken, Mr. Crenshaw later replied that it had never made any difference to him, and that he had advocated what he considered to be a wise course, regardless of personal considerations.

Mr. Lamb contended that it was impossible to legislate men into morality or induce them into such that their hearts were touched. He stated that the reputation of Richmond has been and ought to be known to what had happened to cause a need for this ordinance in Richmond now. He contended that there was a great deal of public statistics to prove that the last year.

Challenging his argument somewhat, he asserted that such an ordinance as was proposed would have rather than help the city to transferring the saloon men to other places, and after closing hour to speak and go to worse places. He contended that the real reason why not to furnish venturous dealers for the sale of alcohol, but to require the enlarged Police Department to break up saloons. He maintained just as well that with the laws now on the statute books such disorderly places could be broken up. Finally, Mr. Lamb presented the financial interests of the licensed dealers, showing that they had much money invested here, and that the reputable men were living up to the laws. He appealed to the committee not to report the ordinance.

Mr. C. E. V. age, foreman of the recent Huntingdon Court, stated here, read its report advocating early closing, and made a strong plea for limiting the hours of sale.

Chief of Police Louis Werner then appeared as a witness rather than a speaker, and answered all questions propounded with a frankness that was at all times refreshing and sometimes very amusing. He expressed the opinion that midnight was the time for closing, and declared that the all-night bars gave the police more trouble, for the fact that saloons are open after 12 midnight have to work for the police, he said. "We do not know what is going to happen in an all-night bar," said he, "you can't tell what men will come in, will get drunk or not."

Mr. Steinbacher, whose complaint of all-night bars did much to create sentiment among the citizens, said that they had much money invested here, and that the reputable men were living up to the laws. He appealed to the committee not to report the ordinance.

#### Martin Under Arrest.

RIDGEWOOD, N. Y., November 16.—Francis J. Martin, one of the celebrated drivers in the Stockton Cotton Company failure, was arrested here to-night by post-office inspectors. He will be taken to Philadelphia tomorrow.

After The Shock.

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